According to the latest available data, as on 30th June, 1985, there were 1,87,189 officers; 4.03509 clerks and 1,42,713 subordinate staff in28 public sector banks, No fixed proportion as such is maintained between officers and clerical and subordinate employees for all public sector banks.

Premature Retirements in Banks

*207. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of the nationalised banks have decided to retire prematurely a large number of officers; and

(b) whether this move has generated a lot of resentment among the bank officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Engineering Industry.

*208. SHRI ADINARAYANA REEDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to expand and modernise the engineering industry in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of World Bank loan expected to be received for the purpose;

(c) whether the proposal includes the installation of new industrial estates in the country in addition to the expansion of the existing ones;

(d) whether Government propose to establish new industrial estates in the States where such engineering industries are less in number;

(e) if so, what are the names of the States which have been identified for the purpose; and

(f) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The World Bank have approved a loan of Doller 250 million for the Industrial Export (Engineering Products) Project. The ojective of the project is to assist the Government of India in carrying out its programme to increase competitivenes and exports of manufactured products, particularly in the engineering sub-sector. World Bank financing would cover the foreign exchange portions of eligible term loans made by ICICI and participating commercial Banks to engineering enterprises and ancillaries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Recommendation of Tripartite Group on Brick kiln Industry

209. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tripartite Group on Brick-kiln Industry formed by Government has submitted itsreport; if so, when and what are the details of the recommendations contained in the Report; and

(b) whether Government have taken any decision thereon?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Group submitted its report on 31-7-84. A Statement is placed on the Table of the House. (*See below*)

(b) The recommendations of the Group require consultation with various Ministries and final decisions have yet to be taken.

Statement

The main recommendations of the Tripartite Committee on Brick Kiln are as follows:—

(1) A comprehensive law should be enacted to cover Brick-kilns employing 5 or more persons. This Act would also cover the position of inter-state migrant workmen employed in this Industry and the question of wages, hour of work, health safety and welfare, leave, sickness, maternity benefits, retaining allowance and a system of comprehensive social security.

(2) After the new legislation comes into the existence, the folowing laws should not be applicable to the Brick-kiln industry:—

(i) Factories Act, 1948

(ii) Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970

(iii) Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979

(iv) Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972

(v) Employees Provident Funds and Miscellanous Provisions Act, 1952

(vi) Employees State Insurance Act 1948.

(vii) Payment of Bonus Act, 1965

(viii) Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.

Availability of Scrap in Bokaro Steel Plant

*210. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scrap in the Bokaro Steel Plant is 70 per cent as against the 30 per cent average;

(b) whether it is a fact that such high percentage of scrap is due to collusion of the officers of the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bokaro Steel Plant sustains huge loss due to this malpractice; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

*211. [*Transferred to the 9th December*, 1985].

Procedure for Advertisement and publicity by the Nationalised Banks

*212. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had discontinued the practice of centralised advertisement and publicity by the nationalised banks;

(b) whether Government have recently relaxed the procedure; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Since March 1984, the publicity by banks either jointly or individually, was banned except for statutory or essential purposes.

(b) and (c) A partial relaxation from total ban on publicity has been granted for purposes of improving Customer services and disseminating information of interest to the public.